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(not accompanying application)

The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in application for letters patent entitled: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE SYNTHESIZER and having the named inventors: Michal LEBL, Mark S. CHEE, Steven M. BARNARD, David L. HEINER, Vit POKORNY, Mark J. NIBBE, and Aaron Christopher JONES and having Application No. 09/881,052 and filing date of June 13, 2001.

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